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SUBJ: ANNOUNCED JUNTA SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ
AND HIS ANNOUNCED DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN OFFICE

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1. ON APRIL 22, THE THREE MILITARY SERVICE MINISTERS WHO COMPOSE THE JUNTA OF GOVERNMENT ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR GENERAL FRANCISCO MORALES BERMUDEZ. THE JUNTA FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL MORALES BERMUDEZ, "UPON CHANGING HIS MILITARY SITUATION" (PRESUMABLY MEANING LEAVING THE ARMY) WOULD REMAIN AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO GUARANTEE STABILITY AND OBTAIN THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN TUPAC AMARU. IN RESPONSE TO THE JUNTA COMMUNIQUE, PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ ANNOUNCED TO THE HIGH COMMANDS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND POLICE FORCES THAT HE ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY OFFERED HIM.

2. COMMENT: THE JUNTA COMMUNIQUE AND PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE
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DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ MIGHT RESIGN HIS COMMISSION BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED ARMY RETIREMENT DATE OF JANUARY 31, 1978, BUT WE NOW SEE NO REASON FOR HIM TO DO SO. THERE IS ALSO NO INDICATION THAT THE MILITARY LEADERS HAVE AGREED UPON HOW TO FACE PERU'S ECONOMIC CRISIS. WE SUSPECT THEY HAVE NOT. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ABOVE COMMUNIQUE AND MESSAGE IS THAT THE ARMED FORCES ARE NOT READY TO ALLOW

MORALES BERMUDEZ TO STEP ASIDE, POSSIBLY BECAUSE THE VARIOUS
FACTIONS CANNOT DECIDE UPON A SUCCESSOR. MORALES BERMUDEZ THUS
HAS A STRENGTHENED HAND TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. THE
QUESTIONS ARE WHETHER HE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO DECIDE UPON A
COURSE, WHETHER HIS CHOICE WILL BE REALISTIC, AND WHETHER HE
CAN RETAIN THE SUPPORT NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT FURTHER AUSTERITY
MEASURES IF HE OPTS FOR THEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, THERE ARE
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS CIRCULATING IN THE BANKING COMMUNITY THAT
THE GOP HAS ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR
SANTISTEVAN AND HIS CLOSEST ADVISORS.
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